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CRCOG Hires Emily Hultquist as New Director of Policy/Planning and Community Development



Hartford, Connecticut – The Capitol Region Council of Governments, a voluntary Council of Governments formed to initiate and implement regional programs of benefit to the towns and the region has hired Emily Hultquist, AICP as their new Director of Policy and Planning/Community Development to replace Mary Ellen Kowalewski who retired after 38 years at CRCOG. “We are delighted to have Emily Hultquist in her new role and she is ready to hit the ground running to serve our 38-town region” said Lyle Wray, Executive Director.

Emily has 13 years of professional experience and has developed a successful track record in the urban planning community. After receiving a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania, she has worked in land use, transportation planning, transit-oriented development, sustainable development and urban design – all of which will be valuable to CRCOG as she steps into the role of Department Director.

Prior to her appointment Emily held positions in the CRCOG Transportation Department and Policy and Planning Department and as Associate Planner at the Regional Plan Association. In those roles she has worked on numerous transportation corridor studies as well as transit-oriented development, complete streets planning, the CRCOG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development and the first Connecticut Mayor’s Institute for RPA.

Emily is Immediate Past President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association (President 2013 to 2016). The current CCAPA’s President, Michael Piscitelli states, "Emily is a key influencer in the planning community. She has earned a reputation statewide as a forward-thinking professional planner with the credibility and ethics to carry-out major initiatives. Emily has the trust of her peers, which is indicative of her passion and commitment to our field. She is well-practiced and organized to manage a large group of people from diverse backgrounds, and is known to be well-prepared, thoughtful and smart."

Emily has also served on the Board of the Chrysalis Center, Inc. and is active on the board of Lincoln Institute for Land Policy’s Consortium for Scenario Planning. In addition, Emily was

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About Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG)—Working Together for a Better Region

CRCOG is established under the Connecticut General Statutes as a voluntary association of municipal governments serving the 38 Metro Hartford municipalities. Our members have collaborated for more than 30 years on a wide range of projects related to planning, transportation, service sharing, and cooperative procurement to benefit our towns individually and the region as a whole.